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AMENDMENT D

Sir:

This amendment for the patent application identified above is in response to the Final Office Action dated July 27, 2004, which set a shortened statutory period for response that expired on October 27, 2004. Applicants hereby petition for a 1-month extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) until November 27, 2004. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is filed concurrently herewith.

Kindly amend this application as indicated herein.